

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for regulating execution of a software according to a physical location of a
2 computer on which the software is to be executed, the method comprising:
3 storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a computer is authorized to execute
4 a first software;
5 determining a physical location of the computer;
6 comparing the physical location of the computer with the first list of authorized location
7 ranges; and
8 executing the first software only if the physical location of the computer is within a range
9 of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location ranges.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 upon determining that the physical location of the computer is not within the first list of
3 authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software, the second software
4 having a second list of authorized location ranges;
5 comparing the physical location of the computer with the second list of authorized
6 location ranges, and
7 executing the second software only if the physical location of the computer is within a
8 range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of authorized location ranges.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 upon determining that the computer is not located within an authorized area, generating
3 an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which the computer is
4 located while attempting to execute a restricted software.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 rechecking the physical location of the computer after the first software has executed; and

3 upon determining that the computer is no longer in an area authorized for executing the
4 first software, disabling the first software.

1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the disabling of the first software is performed by
2 deleting the first software from the computer's system memory.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the physical location of the computer is determined from
2 a Global Positioning System (GPS) signal.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the physical location of the computer is determined from
2 a local enterprise generated signal.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the local enterprise generated signal is confined to a
2 single room.

1 9. A system for regulating execution of a software according to a physical location of a
2 computer on which the software is to be executed, the system comprising:
3 means for storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a computer is authorized
4 to execute a first software;
5 means for determining a physical location of the computer;
6 means for comparing the physical location of the computer with the first list of authorized
7 location ranges; and
8 means for executing the first software only if the physical location of the computer is
9 within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location
10 ranges.

1 10. The system of claim 9, further comprising:
2 means for, upon determining that the physical location of the computer is not within the
3 first list of authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software, the second
4 software having a second list of authorized location ranges;
5 means for comparing the physical location of the computer with the second list of
6 authorized location ranges, and
7 means for executing the second software only if the physical location of the computer is
8 within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of authorized
9 location ranges.

1 11. The system of claim 9, further comprising:
2 means for, upon determining that the computer is not located within an authorized area,
3 generating an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which
4 the computer is located while attempting to execute a restricted software.

1 12. The system of claim 9, further comprising:
2 means for rechecking the physical location of the computer after the first software has
3 executed; and
4 means for, upon determining that the computer is no longer in an area authorized for
5 executing the first software, disabling the first software.

1 13. The system of claim 12, wherein the means for disabling of the first software is a means
2 for deleting the first software from the computer's system memory.

1 14. The system of claim 9, wherein the means for determining the physical location of the
2 computer includes a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver.

1 15. The system of claim 9, wherein the means for determining the physical location of the
2 computer utilizes a local enterprise generated signal.

3 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the local enterprise generated signal is confined to a
4 single room.

1 17. A software product, residing on a computer usable medium, for regulating execution of a
2 software according to a physical location of a computer on which the software is to be executed,
3 the software product comprising:
4 program code for storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a computer is
5 authorized to execute a first software;
6 program code for determining a physical location of the computer;
7 program code for comparing the physical location of the computer with the first list of
8 authorized location ranges; and
9 program code for executing the first software only if the physical location of the
10 computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of
11 authorized location ranges.

1 18. The software product of claim 17, further comprising:
2 program code for, upon determining that the physical location of the computer is not
3 within the first list of authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software, the
4 second software having a second list of authorized location ranges;
5 program code for comparing the physical location of the computer with the second list of
6 authorized location ranges, and
7 program code for executing the second software only if the physical location of the
8 computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of
9 authorized location ranges.

1 19. The software product of claim 17, further comprising:
2 program code for, upon determining that the computer is not located within an authorized
3 area, generating an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which the
4 computer is located while attempting to execute a restricted software.

1 20. The software product of claim 17, further comprising:
2 program code for rechecking the physical location of the computer after the first software
3 has executed; and
4 program code for, upon determining that the computer is no longer in an area authorized
5 for executing the first software, disabling the first software.

1 21. The software product of claim 20, wherein the program code for disabling of the first
2 software deletes the first software from the computer's system memory.

1 22. The software product of claim 17, wherein the physical location of the computer is
2 determined from a Global Positioning System (GPS) signal.

1 23. The software product of claim 17, wherein the physical location of the computer is
2 determined from a local enterprise generated signal.

1 24. The software product of claim 17, wherein the local enterprise generated signal is
2 confined to a single room.